

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 27 are pending. An Office Action mailed 27 August 2003 Objected to Claim 9 as duplicative and rejected Claims 1 through 27 as obvious 35 U.S.C. § 103. By way of this amendment, Applicant has amended Claim 9 and asserts that the reference cited is appropriately removed as prior art, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

OBJECTION TO CLAIMS FOR INFORMALITY

Claim 9 has been objected to as informal as being duplicative. Applicant has amended Claim 9 to cure the duplicative nature.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 through 8 and 10 through 27, as being unpatentable over Muller, et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,606,034). The assignee for Muller et al. is Honeywell International, Inc. The assignee for the present application is Honeywell International, Inc., the same entity. The subject claimed invention and the cited reference, Muller, et al., were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same entity.

The reference is appropriately removed from the prior art as not being "by another."

Because the referenced patent to Muller, et al. and the present application the subject claimed invention, were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same entity, Honeywell International, Inc., and due to 35 U.S.C. §103(c), the citation to Muller, et al. is not a cause for disallowance as the inventions is owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

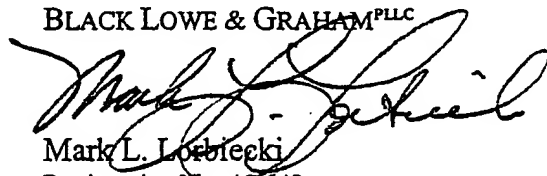
The claims, as amended, are in a state for allowance in light of the removal of Muller, et al.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the examiner has any questions, the examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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